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A SUNDAY ADDRESS

President Roosevelt Made a Sensible and Interesting Talk to Lutherans

SPEAKS AT CHURCH DEDICATION

Mr. Roosevelt Declares That the Lutheran Church in the United States is Already of Great Power and is Destined to be One of the Two or Three Greatest National Churches.

Washington, Special.—President Roosevelt delivered an address Sunday at the re-dedication of the Luther Place Memorial church, which was seriously damaged by fire just one year ago Sunday night while a social gathering in honor of the 78th birthday anniversary of the pastor, the Rev. Mr. J. G. Butler, was in progress. The church has been entirely restored and was occupied for the first time since the fire Sunday. The President spoke in part as follows:

"From the standpoint from which I am obliged so continually to look at matters, there is a peculiar function to be played by the great Lutheran Church in the United States of America. This is a Church which had its rise to power in, and until it emigrated to this side of the water, had always had its fullest development in, the two great races in northern and northern middle Europe—the German and the Scandinavian. The prime duty of those already in the land is to see that their own progress and development are shared by newcomers from across the sea. It is a serious and dangerous thing for any man to tear loose from the soil, in which he and his forbears have taken root and to be transplanted into new land. He should receive all possible aid in that new land; and the aid can be tendered him most effectively by those who can appeal to him on the ground of spiritual kinship. Therefore the Lutheran Church can do most in helping upwards and onwards so many of the newcomers to our shores; and it seems to me that it should be the duty of this Church to see that the immigrants, and especially the emigrants of Lutheran faith from the old world, may be not induced to drift off with no friendly hand to him out of the Church communion. The Lutheran Church in this country is of very great power now, numerically and through the intelligence and thrift of its members, but it will grow steadily to even greater power. It is destined to be one of two or three greatest and most important national Churches in the United States; one of the two or three churches most distinctively American, and most distinctively among the forces that are to tell for making this great country even greater in the future. Therefore a peculiar load of responsibility rests upon the members of this Church."

"It is an important thing for the people of this nation to remember their right, but it is an even more important thing for them to remember their duties. In the last analysis, the work of statesmen and soldiers, the work of the public man shall go for nothing if it is not based upon the spirit of Christianity working in the millions of homes throughout this country, so that there may be that social, that spiritual, that moral foundation, without which no country can ever rise to permanent greatness. For material well-being, material prosperity, success in arts, in letters, great industrial triumphs, all of that and all the structure raised thereon, will be as evanescent as a dream, if it does not rest on the righteousness that exalteth nation."

"Let me congratulate you, and congratulate all of us, that we live in a land and at a time when we accept as natural that there should be an inter-denominational service of thanksgiving, such a ceremony as is to take place this afternoon, in which the pastors of other churches join to congratulate themselves and you upon the re-building of this church. The forces of evil are strong and mighty in this century and in this country, as they are in other countries, as they have been in all the past centuries; and the people who sincerely wish to do the Lord's work will find ample opportunity for all the labor in fighting the common enemy and in assuring toward their fellow men of a different confession an attitude of general rivalry in the effort to see how the most good can be done to our people as a whole."

Chicago Banker Arrested.

New York, Special.—W. H. Hunt, president of the Pan-American Bank, of Chicago, which closed its doors several days ago, has been arrested here, charged with embezzlement. Hunt was arrested at the request of the Chicago police, who notified the New York authorities that they had a warrant for Hunt's arrest on the charge of embezzling \$30,000. Hunt was arraigned in court, and held for extradition. He was later released on \$5,000 bail.

100,000 Out at Moscow.

Warsaw, By Cable.—A hundred thousand people are now out on strike. Thus far there have been no disturbances of any importance. The street cars are not running and no newspapers were published this morning. There is practically no bread left in the bakeries. About 100,000 persons have struck at Lodz. Telephone communication with that city has been interrupted by the strike.

TAR HEEL LEGISLATURE

Work That is Being Done By the North Carolina Lawmakers.

Anti-Jug Law Repealed.

In the Senate bills were introduced to require the use of broad wire and not barbed along the side of roads; to prohibit the sale of liquor in five miles of Gold Hill. Bills were passed abolishing the three days of grace and making negotiable laws uniform; for the relief of county commissioners regarding the verification of claims. House bill repealing the law refunding Treasurer Lacy \$374 was first referred to Clerk Martin, was then referred to the committee on agriculture, then placed on the calendar. There were arguments on the calendar, then placed on the bill regulating fishing in the great sounds and connecting waters and it was made the special order for Thursday. The Senate then took up the special order, namely, the bill increasing the salaries of judges to \$2,500 and repealing the act allowing Superior Court judges \$250 for expenses for traveling. Mr. Williams asked what had become of the bill allowing \$1,000 to the Governor for expenses, saying if this were not allowed, he would oppose the bill. Mr. Scales said the present bill was a unanimous compromise. Considerable debate followed:

In the House a petition was filed from 2,000 members of the Baptist Association, 500 voters, that the Watts law remain as it is, not be changed, be made more stringent. Bills were introduced to allow Spencer to issue bonds for schools and electric lights and to establish graded schools; to amend the law regarding deeds of trust; to incorporate Tuckaseegee Railway, to amend the law so that the executor of an estate shall not be executor of the first testator. The House took up the special order, namely, the bill increasing the salaries of judges to \$2,500 and repealing the act allowing Superior Court judges \$250 for expenses for traveling. Mr. Williams asked what had become of the bill allowing \$1,000 to the Governor for expenses, saying if this were not allowed, he would oppose the bill. The amendment was then withdrawn and the bill was sent to the Senate.

Bills passed final reading to validate judgments under which sales of contingent remainders have been made, and to permit trustees of deceased mortgages to renounce the right to foreclose.

There was little done Saturday in either house. The plan to lengthen the public school term was up, and discussed, but no action was taken upon the bill. A number of local bills were introduced and referred to committees.

Mondays Session.

Bills were introduced in the Senate by Mr. Duls to amend the charter to the Presbyterian College; Mr. Long, of Person, to establish a State laboratory of hygiene. Bills passed to amend the act establishing the corporation commission by giving the latter power to appeal, and for the issue by the Superior Court judge of preemptory mandamus at the request of the commission, the bill being drawn at the instance of the commission, giving power to enforce obedience to its orders.

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The Senate confirmed the nominations by the Governor of the trustees of the State Normal and Industrial College, at Greensboro, S. M. Gattis, James Sprunt and Charles A. McNeese. Bills were ratified for the better government of the institution for the deaf mutes and blind; incorporating the Charlotte Park and Tree Company, to provide for the faithful performance of duty by court stenographers. The bill authorizing pure oil art was tabled, the committee reporting it unfavorable and saying it would be impossible to enforce it. A bill was introduced incorporating the Robson Railway. Bills were passed authorizing Winston township to issue bonds for a street railway; authorizing Morganton to establish a sewerage system, Mr. Hutchinson presented the petition of the operators of the Loray Cotton Mills, Gaston county, asking that the present labor law be not interfered with by amendments.

Many cotton mill men are here to attend the hearing on the child labor bill before the committees of the Senate and House tomorrow. The farmers' institutes for the winter have ended, and the holders have returned here. The next institute will be held in July. The House tabled the resolution authorizing the Senate and House committees to investigate the claims of South Dakota against North Carolina. This matter will be put in the hands of a special committee, as the greatest and most momentous before this session of the Legislature.

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The Methoist Orphanage here has arranged to take the children made shelterless by the burning of the orphanage at Montreal, of whom there were 18.

President Winston, of the Agricultural and Mechanical college, is notified that it has been placed on the approved list by the United States War Department, thus placing it in the very front rank, and making its graduates in engineering eligible to appointments without further examinations. State Secretary and Business Agent Thomas B. Parker, of the North Carolina Farmers' Alliance, has returned from the National Cotton Convention, at New Orleans. He expresses great satisfaction at the results, which, he says, have the approval of all the North Carolina cotton growers.

Fresh From the Wires.

The trial trip of the armored cruiser Maryland was postponed until Friday or Saturday.

Hon. Wm. J. Bryan and Judge Alton B. Parker conferred in New York in reference to the prospects of the Democratic party.

Gov. R. M. La Follette, of Wisconsin, made his acceptance of the United States Senatorial conditional on the enactment of reform laws.

Thus E. Niedringhaus lost another vote in the Senatorial contest at Jefferson City, Missouri.

Heavy Loss by Fire.

Norfolk, Va., Special.—Almost a score of buildings were destroyed or severely damaged by the fire which started in C. R. Nash's ice warehouse, on Queen street, Portsmouth, early Sunday morning. The loss is placed in the neighborhood of \$50,000. But for the heroic work of 250 United States marines, sent by Admiral Harrington, together with assistance rendered by a Norfolk engine company, the entire business section of the city would have been swept away. The fire started at 1:30 o'clock, and was not controlled until 4 o'clock.

Bad Fire at Union, S. C.

Union, S. C., Special.—A fierce fire which started in the plant of the Bailey Lumber and Manufacturing Company, at 2:30 o'clock Wednesday, was gotten under control at 4 o'clock, after assistance from two companies from Spartanburg, which came down on a special train. The most destructive fire the city has witnessed since about 1888, when almost half the town was burned. The total loss is variously estimated at from \$25,000 to \$50,000.

WORSE AT WARSAW

Riotous Spirit Still Prevails Creating Much Alarm

CASUALTIES APPROXIMATE 160

Though Order Seems Restored in St. Petersburg and Moscow, Conditions in the Polish City Are Going From Bad to Worse.

While there seems to have been a complete return of order in St. Petersburg and Moscow conditions at Warsaw continue to go from bad to worse. Estimates of the killed and wounded in consequence of collisions between mobs and soldiers place the number at 160. Bakers are on strike, bread is at famine prices at Warsaw, and attempts to break into stores there have caused numerous collisions with the military. The finding of revolvers of uniform make on many of the rioters affords confirmation of recent reports, that revolutionary agitators have been smuggling arms in anticipation of an outbreak. It is asserted that the official tale of the dead through the recent conflict between the strikers and troops at Riga is far short of the actuality, many having perished in an attempt to cross the river on the ice when the soldiers opened fire, the ice breaking and the water engulfing the fugitives.

Kuropatkin Fails.

St. Petersburg, By Cable.—General Kuropatkin's attempt to break through the Japanese left wing and outflank Field Marshal Oyama's position on the Shikoku river, seems to have failed entirely. Few details, however, are available, beyond the information contained in the official dispatches. Field Marshal Oyama, as at the battle of Shikoku river, appears to have arrested the Russian advance with a counter offensive movement; but no great disposition was shown to carry the warfare into the territory held by the Russians.

At the War Office, there is an injunction to lay the elder blame for the failure of the movement to a sudden change of the weather, to intense cold, 20 degrees below zero, with a high wind, which drifted the snow and rendered it hazardous to expose the troops to camping in the open plain, and also impeded the transportation of guns, supplies and the wounded. The operation entranced to the second army, under General Gripenberg, was the capture of Sandepas, which, in Russian hands, would serve as a pivot for a flanking movement against Field Marshal Oyama, but Sandepas proved too hard a nut to crack, and the Japanese, taking advantage of the check of the Russians, hurried up their reinforcements, and assumed the offensive on the Hun river, as well as along the railroads and the great Mandarin road. The Russians, however, appear to have been completely successful on the defensive, repelling all the Japanese attacks.

Want to Outflank Jap.

Russian Headquarters, By Cable.—The object of General Kuropatkin's latest offensive movement was to capture the important post of Sandepas, on the left bank of the Hun river, and thereby outflank the Japanese from the Shikoku river and enable the Russian army to undertake a general advance. At Sandepas the Japanese occupied a strongly fortified position commanding the confluence of the Hun and Shikoku rivers. The Japanese had erected a fort of triple earthworks and trenches extending in a southwesterly direction. Several villages in the north were destroyed.

The positions were held by twelve battalions of Japanese, partly drawn from General Nogi's army and partly reserves. The Russians carried the first line of entrenchments, but were unable to maintain their position on the outskirts of Sandepas in the face of fierce cannonading. The fighting was transferred westward. The Japanese counter attacked with a brigade of infantry, endeavoring to envelop the Russians, but the cavalry protecting the Russian flank drove back the Japanese with heavy loss. A counter attack on the village captured by the Russians at the outset of the fight was also beaten off, but at the cost to the Russians of several thousand killed or wounded, including General Militschko, who was wounded in the knee.

Civil Service Tests.

Washington, Special.—The Civil Service Commission began holding examinations for the following positions under the Isthmian Canal Commission: Assistant Civil engineer, salary \$200 to \$250 a month; instrument man, \$175; level man, \$100 to \$125; chairman, \$60; and helper, \$50. Tests for other positions will be held next month.

Tea Experts Meet.

New York, Special.—The tea experts recently appointed by Secretary of the Treasury Shaw, met here and began establishing standards for the various grades of tea. Tea pays no duty, but no tea falling below the standards established by the board are admitted to the United States. The members of the board appointed by Mr. Shaw are: A. P. Irwin, of Philadelphia; George H. Macy and George Hewlett, of New York; Chas. B. Platt, of San Francisco; E. H. Schoyer and F. Hellier, of Chicago, and Herbert G. Woodworth, of Boston.

Quiet at St. Petersburg.

St. Petersburg, By Cable.—Although the strikes in Revel, Libau, Kiev, Odessa and a few small places are extending, the situation is nowhere acute. An increasing number of workers are out in Moscow, but there is no general tie-up or disorder there. The whereabouts of Father Gapon still remain a mystery, although it is believed the priest is in Moscow.

The Russian capital presents almost a normal appearance and the authorities are confident that the backbone of the strike has been broken. Some factors and mills already have resumed, and a general resumption of operations is expected on Monday.

Live Items of News.

A proclamation issued in St. Petersburg promises concessions to the workingmen.

St. Petersburg and Moscow were comparatively quiet, but at Helsinki, Finland, Cossacks wounded about 30 rioters.

The North Sea Commission at Paris began hearing witnesses.

Prince Eitel-Friedrich, son of the Secretary of War to be made public,

TO OUTLAW BUCKET SHOPS

A Proposed Law That Will Break Up Gambling in Cotton Futures.

The House committee on judiciary unanimously decided to favorably report the bill to prevent the operation of bucket shops in this State. The text of the bill is: "That, whenever a principal or agent of any kind, or person or persons, shall set up and carry on a bucket shop in North Carolina, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction hereof, shall be fined or imprisoned in the discretion of the court. A bucket shop in the meaning of the preceding section is a place where are posted or published from information received as the same occurred, fluctuating prices of stocks, bonds, petroleum, cotton, grain, provisions or other commodities, or of any one or more of the same in trades made or offered to buy or sell, or goes through the form of buying or selling, then and here to any other person or persons, in one of said commodities at certain price fixed by or according to prices posted or published, but wherein neither party actually buys such commodity and neither party actually sells same. That each day's or part of day's operation of said bucket shop shall constitute a separate and distinct offense."

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MR. HAYNE'S PLAN FOR HOLDING COTTON.

At the Cotton Growers' Convention in New Orleans, Mr. F. B. Hayne of that city proposed a plan to enable the farmers to hold their cotton, which appears to be worth of note. He offers personally to take 10,000 bales of the surplus which now threatens the destruction of market values, and to store it under a protest agreement to hold it intact until October 1, 1905. Upon this he will advance 5 cents per pound on reasonable and ordinary commercial terms. He believes that at least 100 other individuals or business firms will enter into a similar arrangement, thus withdrawing 1,000,000 bales from the market and thereby give the "bears" a black eye. Mr. Hayne does not propose, as others have proposed, any needless expense in the connection, such as the shipment of the cotton to three or four central points and the building of temporary storehouses for its accommodation. He proposes the storage of the surplus crop at interior localities convenient to the farms that produced it and the avoidance of all unnecessary changes and outlays. He says:

"If this is done, and it can be done without the least danger, what cotton remains in the hands of the farmers will increase in value not less than \$10 per bale. The fact that 1,000,000 bales, if not more, will be carried over to the next crop, would cause a material reduction in acreage. If the cotton trade is absolutely assured that 1,000,000 bales will undoubtedly be added to the next crop, and the acreage for next season is really reduced in the neighborhood of 25 percent., there is no question to my mind that this 1,000,000 bales will sell much nearer 10 cents than 5 cents."

The warehouse time receipts will form an absolutely safe collateral, and a loan on the terms mentioned will be entirely safe, as far as the leader is concerned. Banking institutions and individuals have an opportunity to lend money for the next six months at a fair rate of interest on a collateral that could hardly be better, and it would undoubtedly, as far as I can see, enable the farmer to obtain a much better price for the balance of his crop."

Mr. Hayne's plan appears to be the most feasible one yet presented to the cotton growers. It is at least worth their consideration. Cotton that is held should be stored in a dry place, and elevated from the ground, so there will be no danger of damage to the staple.

SHOULD SALARY OF THE JUDGES BE INCREASED?

A few days ago a bill passed the Senate to increase the salaries of the supreme and superior court judges from \$2,500 to \$3,500 per annum. If this bill passes the House it will mean an additional cost of \$21,000 a year to support our judiciary.

Will the tax-payers get their money's worth? The advocates of the bill claimed that the salaries of the judges was not sufficient to get the best legal talent on the bench, and that many who accepted a judge-ship did it at a sacrifice.

If this be true why is it that none of the judges have resigned their positions? And why is it that there is such a scramble during every campaign, among the best lawyers of the State, for these positions? If the judges are holding their positions at a sacrifice there are plenty of other good lawyers in the State that would be glad of their places. These places are not forced upon any one. If there is money to spare why not give more of it to the jurors who are forced to attend court whether they wish to or not. Many of the jurors at every court are country people who are forced to leave their farms and their business, at a financial loss, to serve as jurors for the sum of \$1 per day, which in many cases is not enough to pay his board and lodgings, while he is attending court, while the judge, even at the present salary, receives between \$7 and \$8 per day for his services. We repeat, if there is money and to spare, why not let some of the county people get a whack at it?

GLENN'S SILVER TELEGRAM.

When the bill to increase the salaries of supreme and superior court judges was before the Senate last Thursday some startling news in regard to the bill to increase the governor's salary was brought out. Before Governor Glenn was inaugurated a bill was introduced by Senator Scales to increase the salary of the Governor to \$5,000 per year. Just a few days before Governor Glenn was to be inaugurated he sent a telegram to one of the Senators not to pass this bill on his account. Senator Scales says Gov. Glenn did not send this telegram until he saw the bill could not pass in time to benefit him. Read the following extract from Scales' speech in the Senate Thursday:

"That bill was prepared by the closest friends of Gov. Glenn and with his knowledge and consent. I was requested by the friends of Governor Glenn, with his full approval, to introduce the bill with the expectation that it could be passed at the first of the session, before the inauguration, so that Gov. Glenn would receive the increase of salary during his term as governor. The bill met my hearty approval and I introduced it. The bill was before this body when Gov. Glenn sent his telegram." *

It now seems that Governor Glenn's Silver Telegram was not such a "magnanimous act." He wanted the increase in salary until he found he could not get the bill passed in time to benefit him and then he decided to have the bill withdrawn. Some of Democratic papers praised Governor Glenn for sending this telegram. We fail to see where any praise is due Governor Glenn for sending his telegram after he saw the bill could not pass in time to benefit him. According to Senator Scales, it is not the Governor's fault that he will not draw \$4,000 extra from the tax-payers during his incumbency.

TO VOTE ON STATEHOOD TUESDAY.

The Statehood bill will come up in Congress again next week. The Senate has agreed to vote on the bill next Monday. In just what form the bill will be passed cannot definitely be foretold. Many believe that something like the Foraker amendment will be adopted.

That amendment provides that New Mexico and Arizona shall not be admitted to form one State unless the citizens of each Territory at a separate election favor it by a majority vote. In other words, the objection of a majority of voters in either territory would prevent the erection of a State. Still another important amendment provides for the erection of a State out of New Mexico alone.

The advocates of Statehood for Oklahoma and Indian Territory are now sanguine that it will be authorized at this session of Congress.

NEWS AND OBSERVER SHOULD BE CONSISTENT.

The News and Observe has recently had a dream that "Public business must be transacted in the public." It's a pity that this idea did not strike the Observer while the investigation of the management of the A. and N. C. Railway was being conducted behind closed doors at Newbern last fall. Wasn't that public business? Didn't the State own the majority of the stock? Wasn't that investigating committee paid for their work out of the State's treasury?

And again, when a committee was appointed by Gov. Aycock last fall to select a site for the encampment of the State Troops, why wasn't their report as to the proper site for encampment made public. Wasn't the Governor a public official? Wasn't the committee paid for their work out of the State's money? And isn't the State Malitia supported by the tax-payers of the State?

Why didn't the Observer demand that "Public business must be transacted in the public"? Oh! be consistent, Mr. Observer, be consistent.

OF FOR AND BY THE CORRUPT.

The Savannah News, in speaking of the South Carolina dispensary system, quotes Mr. J. G. Wolley, national leader of the prohibitionist, as saying that it is "of the corrupt, for the corrupt and by the corrupt." And yet the Simmonites in North Carolina would establish a dispensary system in this State. And for what reason? And is it not reasonable to suppose that these dispensaries would be controlled by the same element in this State?

The next Convention of the Cotton Growers will be held in Asheville.

WITH THE LAWMAKERS.

Representative McFarland, of Polk and Senator Wright, of Rowan have been called home on account of serious illness of members of their families.

Members of the Jamestown Exposition Co. will address the legislature to-day in behalf of the Jamestown Exposition to be held in 1906.

Messrs. Locke Craig and L. M. Bourne, lawyers of Asheville, are lobbying in the legislature in the interest of a Democratic dispensary for Asheville.

The Committee on Railroads of the Senate and House will give a public hearing Thursday afternoon to the advocates and opponents of the bills, doing away with first and second class passenger cars and fares in this State. One bill fixes the fare at three cents, the other at two and a half cents a mile.

MAJ. BUTLER'S BILL.

The copy of this bill, including the comment on same, is taken from Sunday's Raleigh Post.

"Major George E. Butler, Repub-

lican representative from Sampson,

recently introduced the following:

"A bill to be entitled an act to repeal chapter 542 of the Public Laws of 1901, and chapter 751 of the Public Laws of 1903, appropriating annually (\$200,000) two hundred thousand dollars out of the State treasury for public education, and to substitute therefor an act for the appropriation of (\$200,000) two hundred thousand dollars annually out of the State treasury to be distributed upon an equitable plan of apportionment.

There was a lively time in the Senate Thursday when the Ward bill, increasing the salaries of the supreme and superior court judges, came up. This bill increases the salaries of the supreme and superior court judges to \$3,500. This is a raise of \$1,000 for the judges. One of the Senators said he would not support the bill unless the Governor's salary was increased also. (It will be remembered that Glenn sent a Silver Telegram, asking the legislature not to increase the Governor's salary on his account—after he found it would not be passed in time to benefit him). Senator Scales who advocated raising the judges' salaries alluded to the fact that the now famous telegram of Governor Glenn, asking the legislature not to pass a bill increasing the Governor's salary on his account, had been cited in this debate and Senator Scales went on to say that the newspaper praise of Governor Glenn in this affair was unjust and no credit was claimed by the Governor. According to Senator Scales the bill was introduced with the approval and consent of Governor Glenn and the latter only sent his telegram when it became apparent that there would be a fight on the measure and he did not want to embarrass his friends. Senator Williams declared that in his opinion the Senator from Guilford was not justified in going into this matter on the floor of the Senate.

TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA DO ENACT:

"Section 1. That chapter 542 of the Public Laws of 1901 and chapter 751 of the Public Laws of 1903, be and the same is hereby repealed.

"Section 2. That the sum of (\$200,000) two hundred thousand dollars be, and the same is hereby appropriated annually, out of the State treasury for the benefit of the public schools, to be distributed to the counties of the State upon the basis of apportionment, hereinafter provided.

"Section 3. That the State superintendent of public instruction is hereby required to ascertain prior to the first Monday in January each year, the total number of children in each county in the State of school age, and the total school fund in each county in the State (special and local taxes not included), and he shall ascertain therefrom the average amount of money each county in the State has for each child of school age within said county.

"Section 4. The State superintendent shall therefrom make a statement showing the amount each county in the State is entitled to out of this (\$200,000) two hundred thousand dollars appropriation, in order to equalize as near as possible in every county in the State the amount of money to each child of school age for education.

"Section 5. That said statement shall be filed with the State auditor, who shall be on the first Monday in January of each year, upon the warrant of the State superintendent of public instruction, issue his warrant to the State treasurer, payable to the county treasurer of each of the respective counties entitled to the same, in the sum shown to be due each county by said statement: Provided, that in fixing such amount no consideration shall be had of any fund raised by special or local taxes in any of said counties.

"Section 6. No appropriation shall be made to any county, under this act, unless the county superintendent of schools, the clerk of the superior court and the treasurer of said county shall make affidavit that all fines, forfeitures, licenses and penalties, and return money belonging to the school fund have been so applied and that the constitutional limit of taxation has been reached in said county, and any officer who shall fail to perform the duties herein required, or shall knowingly make any misrepresentation of any facts in any respect required by this act shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof may be removed from office, and may be fined or imprisoned in the discretion of the court.

"Section 7. That the State superintendent of public instruction shall include in his annual report a full showing of the amounts apportioned to each county under this act, and the basis of such apportionment.

"Section 8. That all laws and clauses of laws in conflict with this act are hereby repealed.

"Section 9. That this act shall be in force and effect from and after its ratification."

Maj. Butler claims that the plan of apportionment provided in the bill will equalize the school term over the State and will encourage economy in the expenditure of the school fund in the various counties. He further claims that the present plan of distributing this large fund encourages extravagance in the expen-

ditures of the school fund, in that any county can, by increasing their expenditures for running expenses and by constantly increasing the salary of its teachers and its superintendent, fail to run its schools four months, but it loses nothing by its increased expenditures for its school machinery, which in many counties borders on extravagance, for that any county can call upon the State treasury to supply it with sufficient funds to make up its deficiency.

Maj. Butler says that many counties one and two years ago ran their schools four months without calling upon the State for any assistance, but this year they have made application for from one thousand to three thousand dollars aid from the State.

"Since these counties do not show any increased number of schools, or any decrease in their county school fund, it is rather strange that they are now calling for aid," said the author of the proposal.

"The plan of distributing this fund as now provided, is an incentive to extravagance, but the plan provided in this bill will promote economy in all the counties and will in my opinion increase the school term from four months, which we now have, to at least five months."

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SEN. MITCHELL INDICTED FOR BRIBERY.

PORTLAND, OREGON, Feb. 1.—The Federal grand jury this afternoon

indicted United States Senator John H. Mitchell for bribery on

six counts in connection with the land frauds investigation.

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BROUGHT BACK OLD DAYS.

Kissing Under Difficulties Reminded Professor of Something.

"Speaking of the resourcefulness of women in the matter of meeting and overcoming obstacles," said the Street Corner Philosopher, "I just saw an illustration of it, when two girls, wearing those tremendous wide brimmed straw hats, met and kissed right in the public street—aye, and hugged each other, too, without disturbing a feather of their headgear. If two men had tried to get their heads that close together for any purpose, wearing such a rig, there would have been straws and profanity scattered all the way from here to the corner. But with the girls there was premonitory exclamation of joy at meeting, a sudden rush, a convulsive embrace, a sideways peck at each other's lips, a giggle and a squeal, and out of the mix-up emerged the two maidens as trim as you please. How they ducked under those brims is more than I can tell. It was done too quick for me to see. It reminded me some of kissing a girl in the days when we used to wear those old fashioned sunbonnets."

"How was that?" asked the newspaper man, expecting a story.

"Young man," said the philosopher, with much dignity, "it was all right." —Springfield (Ill.) News.

APE-LIKE GIANTS OF AFRICA.

Strange Race Met on Southern Shores of Great Lake.

Mr. Edward Grogan, who traversed Africa along its whole length, from the Cape to Cairo—met with a strange race on the southern shores of Albert Edward Nyanza. These fearsome, ape-like creatures, hiding behind banana palms, are tall men, with long arms and pendant pouches.

Such is the stamp of the brute on them that they may be placed lower in the scale than any other African native hitherto seen. Their face, body and limbs are covered with wiry hair, while the hang of the long, powerful arms, the slight stoop of the trunk, and the hunted, vacant expression of the face make them appear more like apes than human beings.

Northwards, near Lado, the same party came across the Dinkas, a race of giants, standing six feet six inches to seven feet in height, and magnificently developed; and in the adjoining Toroland which swarmed with elephants of gigantic size, the natives were simply stark-naked savages of inexpressible degradation of character.

FITS permanently cured. No fits or nervousness after first day's use of Dr. Kline's Great Nerve Restorer, \$2.50 bottle and treatise free. Dr. R. H. Kline, Ltd., 391 Arch St., Phila., Pa.

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H. H. GARRIX'S Sons, of Atlanta, Ga., are the only successful Drapery Specialists in the world. See their liberal offer in advertisement in another column of this paper.

Fifty-two billion dollars passed through the London Clearing House last year.

Mr. Winslow's Soothing Syrup for children teething, soften the gums, reduces inflammation, allays pain, eases wind colic, 25¢ a bottle.

Single eyeglasses are prohibited in the German Army.

To Cure a Cold in One Day

Take Listerine, Quinine, Balsam, All druggists refund money if it fails to cure. E. W. Grove's signature is on box, 25¢.

Nineteen pianos, every one of which was a wedding present, are in the possession of the Prince and Princess of Wales.

10,000 Plants for 16c.

This is a remarkable offer. John A. Salzer Seed Co., La Crosse, Wis., makes,



Salzer Seeds have a national reputation as the earliest, finest, choicest the earth produces. They will send you their big plant catalog, together with enough seed to grow 10,000.

1,000 fine, solid Cabbages, 2,000 rich, juicy Turnips, 2,000 blanching, nutty Celery, 2,000 rich, buttery Lettuce, 1,000 Sweet Corn, 1,000 rare, luscious Radishes, 1,000 gloriously brilliant Flowers.

This great offer is made in order to induce you to try their warranted seeds—for when you once plant them you will grow no others, and we'll pay your postage.

ALL FOR 16c POSTAGE.

If you will send them 26c in postage, they will add to the above a big package of the earliest Sweet Corn on earth—Salzer's Fourth of July—fully 10 days earlier than Cory, Peer O'Day, etc., etc. [A.C.L.]

Births and Deaths Decrease.

Fewer persons died and a smaller number were born throughout England and Wales last year than in 1902, while in London, both birth and deaths were the fewest recorded for many years.

A WOMAN'S MISERY.

Mrs. John LaRue, of 115 Paterson Avenue, Paterson, N. J., says: "I was troubled for about nine years, and what I suffered no one will ever know, but about every known remedy that's said to be good for kidney complaint, but without deriving permanent relief. Often when alone in the house the backache has been so bad that it brought tears to my eyes. The pain at times was so intense that I was compelled to give up my household duties and lie down. There were headaches, dizziness and blood rushing to my head to cause bleeding at the nose. The first box of Doan's Kidney Pills benefited me so much that I continued the treatment. The stinging pain in the small of my back, the rushes of blood to the head and other symptoms disappeared."

Doan's Kidney Pills for sale by all dealers. 50 cents per box, Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, N. Y.

RUSSIANS HOPEFUL

WILL CUT ACREAGE

Better News From the Seat of War

Simplifies Matters at Home

BRACES THE RUSSIAN AUTHORITIES

Ivan. Kropatkin's Repulse of the Japanese Advance is Expected to Have the effect of At Least Partially Distracting Attention From the Strike Situation—No Longer Any Doubt That the Strike is Practically Broken at St. Petersburg—Workmen Returning Unconditionally.

St. Petersburg, Special.—The news of General Kropatkin's successful repulse of the Japanese advance comes most opportunity. The belief exists here that Field Marshal Oyama sought to take advantage of any depression prevailing in the Russian ranks as the result of the news from St. Petersburg to launch an attack against General Kropatkin's right, but the Russian commander-in-chief seems to have turned the tables, inflicting considerable loss upon the Japanese on Thursday, and taking several positions westward along the plain of the Hun river.

The authorities are receiving the news from the front with great satisfaction, being convinced that it will serve to at least partially distract attention from the strike situation and internal affairs generally.

At the same time, the strike situation generally is improving. In St. Petersburg, there is no longer any doubt that the strike is practically broken. Fourteen establishments already have resumed, and an entire starting up of factories seems to be assured for next Monday. A remarkable feature is that the men who are returning to work are not asking conditions of employers. They have seemingly turned their backs upon political agitators and accepted the government's promises in the matter of shorter hours and an equitable adjustment of their grievances at their place of work.

Kropatkin Takes Offensive.

St. Petersburg, By Cable.—General Kropatkin has telegraphed as follows:

"The advance has commenced of our right flank against the enemy. We have occupied Khalatosa and Kheguya."

General Kropatkin adds: "No details have been received of the losses at Khalatosa and Kheguya, which are seven versts southwest of Sandaps. We occupied Khalatosa without firing the Japanese being bayoneted, Kheguya was bravely defended, but we finally occupied it at 10 o'clock at night. Our cavalry pursued two regiments of Japanese dragons, which fled southward. On our left flank a detachment repulsed the Japanese and occupied a defile between Khandans and occupied a defile between Khandans and Kheguya."

Supplementing the foregoing General Kropatkin says: "From later reports, it appears that in capturing these positions, we made prisoners of 100 Japanese. We also occupied the village of Shekhat, on the Hun river, losing 50 men. On January 20, our troops continued the offensive against Sandaps. The Japanese attacked our position near the village from the south and southeast, but were repulsed. Our cavalry participated, maneuvering against the left flank, and attacked the Japanese in the rear. Our force then attacked Sandaps, and at 7 p.m., after a desperate fight, with the assistance of sappers, we surrounded the strong entrenched and occupied the large village.

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"First. That the vice presidents of this association call a meeting of all persons interested in cotton on the 11th day of February, 1905, in the county seat of each county not already organized, on the plan herein-after set out, at which meeting there shall be elected a county chairman and a chairman for each school district or other small political subdivision of the county.

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"Third. At said precinct meeting the farmers and land-owners present shall be asked to sign the following agreement: 'We, the undersigned farmers or land-owners, living in a school district or precinct No. . . . of State of hereby pledge ourselves to reduce the acreage planted by us in cotton and to reduce our consumption of fertilizers in growing cotton as shown by the statements set opposite our names.'

"Fourth. That said committee on acreage and membership shall immediately canvass said district and ask all farmers and land-owners in said district who do not attend such meeting, to sign said pledge, and said committee shall return said pledge to the chairman of said precinct.

"Fifth. Said precinct chairmen shall preserve said privileges, and they shall immediately report to the county chairman showing the total number of acres planted in cotton in said precinct in 1904 and the total number to be planted in cotton in said precinct in 1905, the total amount of fertilizer used in growing cotton in said precinct and the total amount to be used in said precinct in said years.

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